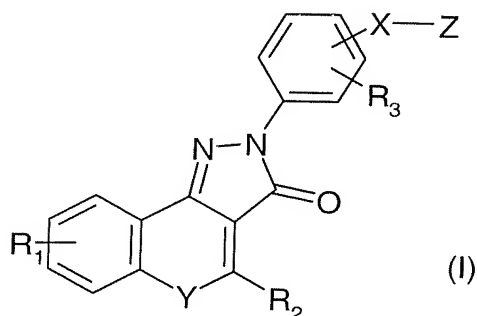


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

Z represents a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) or an ester thereof;

R₁ and R₃ independently represent H; F; Cl; Br; -NO₂; -CN; C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by F or Cl; or C₁-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted by F;

R₂ represents optionally substituted C₇ cycloalkyl, substituted C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or optionally substituted phenyl;

Y represents -O-, -S-, N-oxide, or -N(R₅)- wherein R₅ represents H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

X represents a bond or a group selected from; a divalent C₁-C₆ alkylene radical, NHC(O) C₁₋₅ alkyl or NHC(O) CH₂-O-CH₂.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein X is a bond or a -CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂- radical.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~ The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is -COOH.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 1 wherein R₁ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 1 wherein R₂ is cyclopropyl, phenyl, or fluoro-, chloro-, methyl, methoxy-, nitro-, or amino-substituted phenyl.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is -N(R₅)- wherein R₅ represents H or methyl.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A medicament for the treatment of conditions which benefit from immunomodulation comprising an effective dose of ~~a compound according to the~~compound of claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of ~~a compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a ~~compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 2 wherein Z is -COOH.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 2 wherein R₁ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 2 wherein R₂ is cyclopropyl, phenyl, or fluoro-, chloro-, methyl, methoxy-, nitro-, or amino-substituted phenyl.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 2 wherein R₃ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in~~The compound of claim 2 wherein Y is -N(R₅)- wherein R₅ represents H or methyl.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of ~~a compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 2.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of ~~a compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 3.

19. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a ~~compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 2 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

20. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a ~~compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 3 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

21. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a ~~compound as claimed in~~the compound of claim 4 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.